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In Memoriam

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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At Warm Springs, Georgia, on April 12, 1945, the infinite hand of God saw fit to take from us President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

As President, he was commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the United States. He died in the midst of battle.

As we recall his courage and friendship to all men, we again rededicate ourselves to the saving of democracy both at home and in the world and we remember "that the only limits of our realization of tomorrow are in our doubts of today."

In the words of another great American . . .

"It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion * * * that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom that the government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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Twenty billion dollars is the goal set by our government for the Seventh War Loan Drive starting April 9 and ending July 1.

We are being asked to buy more bonds than ever before. We are being asked to go all out for the final victory push. Our boys over there are **giving the limit,** and the best we can do is with our funds.

The quota for employees of the United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company is $153,000.00. The quota for the employees of the U. S. Fuel Co., is $45,000.00. This is our equitable share. Our government believes that the people of the United States will meet the needs of victory. There is no halfway stopping place on that road.

Our armed forces are made up of our youngsters, yours and mine, and the son of the man who works next to you. They are **giving the limit — OVER THERE**—and so must we **OVER HERE.**

They are going forward with no thought of self, but only of **victory!** By buying bonds, we will help shorten the war and bring our sons home **sooner.** We must move forward as they move, with no thought of failure.

In reality, it is **NO** sacrifice we are being called upon to make; rather, we are keeping rendezvous with our high privilege to do a service for our boys; to loan our money to shorten the war.

In this great hour before the dawn of victory we must not let them down.

It's Too Far — to Walk

Take care of your car. It is wearing out rapidly, and when it is gone you will be unable to replace it until after the war.

Conservation of the country's rapidly dwindling supply of automobiles is one of the major problems of government agencies today. Cars are disappearing from the highways at the rate of 4,000 daily. There were 1,500,000 fewer automobiles in January this year than there were in January, 1944. The decrease will continue through 1945.

A Queen for Your Approval

Miss Lois Watson

At the suggestion of several employees of the Salt Lake City Office, Lois Watson of the Accounting Dept. was encouraged to enter the WAR BOND QUEEN CONTEST. Lois is 21 years of age and has been employed by the company for the past four years. In addition to her duties as Social Security Department clerk, she maintains the records of and purchases all War Bonds authorized through payroll deductions.

This contest is being presented by The Motion Picture Theaters of Utah and The Salt Lake Tribune in cooperation with the Utah War Finance Committee. The winner of this contest will be awarded:

1. A trip to Hollywood — all expenses paid.
2. A WAR BOND CITATION from the Motion Picture Industry's War Activities Committee, to be presented by her favorite star during her stay in Hollywood.
3. Screen test consideration.
4. Visits to Hollywood's major motion picture studios.
5. Entertainment as guest of movie stars and a date with Alan Ladd, Van Johnson or such favorite star as may be in Hollywood at the time of her visit.

Contest starts now, the balloting ends on June 20, the finals of the contest to be held in Salt Lake City on July 4, 1945 to determine UTAH'S WAR BOND QUEEN.

Every bond purchased will be accompanied by a Queen ballot entitling the purchaser to one vote for every $18.75 investment that bond represents. We ask that you support this young lady as your Queen and return all ballots to your Plant Office. We realize that the ballots received from employees alone will not be sufficient to elect her Queen and it is therefore suggested that all employees ask their friends for their ballots also. LET'S TALK IT UP—ASK THE BUTCHER, THE GROCER, THE HARDWARE MAN, IN FACT, EVERYONE, FOR THEIR BALLOTS. YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE FULLY REPAID BY SEEING YOUR CANDIDATE ELECTED QUEEN.

"Ed is pooling his car today, dear."

When you cooperate with another man, you add strength to your own effort.

—Will Rogers.

LITTLE THINGS

He stopped to pat a small dog's head,
A little thing to do,
And yet the dog remembering,
Was glad the whole day through.

She gave a rose into a hand
Of one who needed much;
'Twas just a rose—but oh, the joy
That lay in its soft touch!

A word was spoken tenderly;
A words a wee small thing;
But it can still a weary heart
To hope again, and sing!

—Lois Shelling.

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Cover

It was Zachariah Taylor who said: "The Mormons have got on the backbone of the continent." President Lincoln made a parallel statement when he said: "Utah will yet be the treasure-house of the nation."

Utah's mountains today are known around the world for their production of useful metals and for their scenic beauty.

On the front cover of Smeltingco this month is a springtime view taken in Utah's mountains, showing Mt. Timpanogos in the background. This is one of the scenic spots of America, situated about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City. (Photo by Hal Rumel.)

"It's a boy, but on account of the tobacco shortage have to limit you guys to a puff apiece."

Well, 'we heard from the boys today'
The sun was brighter; How dull it had been lately.
There was a moon last night, how beautiful and romantic it was;
Strange; there has not been a moon for so long.

Yes, we heard from the boys today.

Those clouds! did you you see the silver lining? it was so beautiful.
That dog! he usually snarls at me; today he wagged his tail.

Yes we heard from the boys today.

I cried; but this time I felt better, I had always felt worse before
To our friends; so many times we had said, no word. But today
OH BOY—

My back is sore and my hand is numb from the good wishes of
those good friends.

Yes we heard from the boys today.

I wanted to celebrate; I wanted the whole town to celebrate;
Yet, I cannot celebrate until my boys' comrades have been
heard from also.

The cash register had a bright cheerful ring today, so long, it had
been a dull sickening thud.

Yes we heard from the boys today.

I smiled at my wife, and Gosh, she's still beautiful, and I
suddenly recall
How she has enabled me to keep my chin up, and now I am
looking forward
To the greatest day of my life;—when the boys come marching
home;
And once more can see Old Glory; the Symbol that has cost
us so much,
And yet which means so much.
And here I am 'FIDDLIN' WHILE ROME BURNS';
Yes we heard from the boys today.

Ray V. Davis.

Dedicated to my two sons; Lt. Dwayne & Sgt. Gene taken prisoner on Bataan.

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This full page "Advertisement"—which is self explanatory—recently appeared in the Daily Current-Argus in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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IF THESE TWO FINE BOYS WERE YOUR SONS—OR YOUR BROTHERS, HOW MANY WAR BONDS COULD YOU "AFFORD" TO BUY?

FOOD FOR FREEDOM

While we in the mining and smelting business work with the products of the subsoil, our neighbor, the farmer, at this time of year turns to the tilling of the surface soil.

Since the war many of us, in our spare time, have given attention to products of the soil through victory gardens. With our government agencies warning us that we must tighten our belts this year more than ever before owing to the necessity of feeding the liberated nations, it behooves all of us to plant and harvest as much as possible this season.

Like every United States Smelting Company worker, the farmer has a vital war job. He is producing to the limit of his ability. But, let us insure at least part of our needs by planting something of our own. The photograph shows one of Utah's farmers getting an early start.

By W. L. LATSHAW
Director of Agriculture Dept.
Since 1933

The patriotic urge isn't the only reason for having a home or Victory garden this year. You can save yourself money, too. By supplying your family with fresh vegetables for a whole season at little cost, from even a small garden, you can grow the same vegetables that you would have to pay up to $50.00 or more for on the market. In the home-grown product you have an added advantage in the quality of the garden fresh produce from your own Victory garden.

The most important vegetable in the American diet is the white potato. It is a staple ranking third in importance with foodstuffs commonly found on the American table. It is a 365-day food necessity, and due to its importance, should be given first place consideration among garden crops planned for the Victory garden.

In the course of planning the Victory garden the possibility of

raising potatoes is frequently overlooked for one reason or another, usually potato growing is considered as space consuming and time consuming due to the time required to mature the crop. These reasons, or excuses, are believed to misrepresent the facts, when it is considered that new potatoes ready for the table are usually available 60 days after planting and that a single 25-foot row should mature a bushel of potatoes:

Soil Requirements

The potato is cosmopolitan in its soil requirement. However, it succeeds best on certain kinds of soil. The ideal soils are loose and friable, well supplied with organic matter, deep, and well drained, yet holding moisture well. Heavy, sticky soils or very sandy soils are among the poorest and should be avoided.

Fertilizers

The potato is a heavy feeder and requires an abundance of available fertility for best returns. If you are aiming at a 500-bushel per acre yield and you should, as this figure is entirely possible, then you must consider that your crop requirement on an acre basis, in terms of fertilizer, will be approximately 115 lbs. of nitrogen, 42.5 lbs. of phosphoric acid and 145 lbs. of potash. Usually, Utah soils are well supplied with potash and additional quantities of this nutrient are not required. Soils that are well supplied with organic matter will provide a portion of the nitrogen requirement to be supplemented with liberal quantities of animal manures and commercial fertilizers.

The home Victory gardener will find it advantageous to apply commercial fertilizer in the furrow before planting the seed potatoes at the rate of 3 to 4 lbs. of a (5-25-0 5% nitrogen and 25% phophoric acid) commercial fertilizer to a 100-foot row. This application equals approximately 400 lbs. per acre, with the rows three feet apart. The fertilizer should be mixed with the soil before the seed pieces are planted.

A midseason side dressing of commercial fertilizer or finely divided poultry manure applied just prior to irrigation, in late June for early varieties and July for late varieties, will usually pay for itself several times in increased yields.

Varieties

The variety of potato selected for garden planting should be governed by requirements. If an early maturing pink-skinned variety is desired, Bliss Triumph and Early Ohio are suggested; if an early white potato is desired, Irish Cobbler; if the demand is for a late maturing, fine baking, good keeping winter potato, the Idaho Russet is unexcelled. The white-skinned varieties will probably out produce the pink by one-third and the Russet will usually produce the highest yield.

It is unprofitable to plant untreated seed potatoes in Utah. The seed should be treated for rhizoctonia and scab. This can be done with the inexpensive "Semesan" treatment just prior to the time of planting. It will pay to purchase good, clean, sound seed potatoes; the cost should be a secondary consideration. Healthy, strong, vigorous plants are essential to large yields.

Cutting of Seed

A five to ten ounce potato is considered good seed stock. It should be segmented in pieces ranging in size between one and one and one-half ounce, with each segment containing a strong eye or bud.

Planting

The time of planting will fluctuate somewhat from year to year depending on seasonal conditions. In the Salt Lake Valley early maturing potatoes can usually be planted any time following the second week in April, late maturing Russets may be planted as late as the first of June. The best yields are usually from the early planting. Where potatoes are planted early in the season, the young plants may be subjected to the influence of short periods of cold weather. The young plants are not injured by frost, but will not stand freezing temperatures. As a protection against freezing temperatures, the young seedling plants, in the home garden, may be covered with soil, using a hand cultivator or hoe.

The home gardener will find that seed planted in rows two to three inches under the soil line at intervals of 12 to 14 inches in rows 36 inches apart, a very satisfactory arrangement.

Cultivation

The primary object of cultivation is to control weeds, break up encrusted soil, that may develop in hot weather following irrigation, keep the potato tubers from sun and excessive soil temperatures. The latter may be accomplished by gradually throwing the soil toward the plants and more deeply covering the growing potatoes. A timely precaution is not to disturb the newly formed tubers when cultivating.

Irrigation

Potatoes have a fairly high water demand, as could well be expected, considering the leaf area of the plants and the high water content of the matured potatoes.

Growing potatoes are sensitive to excesses, if permitted to dry out after the potatoes have started to form. The usual result is irregular, poorly shaped tubers, and this tendency to irregularity is particularly true of the Russet variety; in contrast, too much water may induce rotting and physiological disorders of the plants; usually a moderate watering at seven to eight day intervals is adequate unless the soil is sandy and has low water holding capacity, in which case more frequent watering may be necessary.

Harvesting

If the skin no longer slips when rubbed under pressure of the thumb, the tuber has stopped growth and is ready to dig and store and nothing further is to be gained by permitting them to remain in the soil, as they are already "ground cured."

Storage

Potatoes keep best when stored in dark places, in a temperature 40 degrees to 45 degrees, with a relative humidity around 85%.

A root cellar or cave covered with several feet of earth and protected from temperature changes provides a good storage place for potatoes.

Don't Mess With Mr. Inbetween

By B. E. Grant
General Superintendent, U. S. and Lark Mines

I know a dad who has a young son with whom he plays a game called Military Secret. The rules and reasons for the game are few. To foster the habit of not repeating or passing on to anyone else uncomplimentary sayings heard from a playmate or neighbor, this dad and son took a pledge—done up in military style, flag ceremony and all—to treat such information as a military secret. Violation of the pledge brings a prompt rebuke. Of course, its just a game, and like any game the players sometimes step out of bounds. Occasionally, a most important secret that through one subterfuge or another is determined to be beyond the scope of individual censorship is broadcast at the dinner table or during the play hour immediately thereafter.

But, in general, the objective of the game is accomplished—not only for the discipline of the young son, but for the dad as well. The game is catching on among other playmates and visitors at the home . The old adage "If you can't speak well about someone, don't speak about him at all" is an antidote for all sorts of ailments, which if taken daily, performs with equal benefit to young and old, citizen, alien, king or the most humble slave. You and I are no exceptions.

It is our privilege under American democracy to hoist ourselves on top a powder box and shout our lungs out about our pet gripes, our neighbors, our politicians and governing boards, the miner on the other shift, or what have you. But all of us feel sad for the fellow who, even though he may have dug up a choice bit of gossip about a neighbor of ours, proceeds with an air of secrecy and inward pleasure to tell this morsel of derogatory news to all within hearing reach. Sadder still yet is the feeling for the recipient of this news who adds a taller tale to further belittle the absent neighbor. The whole tall tale may later be found to be false, or only half true. There is usually some basis for every tale. Think it out for yourself. What good does it do to pass it along? It takes a man of character to sift wheat from chaff and state facts as they actually are.

B. E. "Buck" Grant at his desk.

Well, we Americans are a talkative bunch and we love our freedom of speech. But maybe that dad and young son have found a key to good will through a little different slant on free speech.

SAFETY RECORD

LOCATION	No. of lost time Accidents March, 1945	Rate per million man hours March, 1945	No. of lost time Accidents Year to Date 1945	Rate per million man hours Year to date	No. days since last lost time Accidents
MINE					
United States Mine	1	20	4	27	.....
Lark Mine	2	35	6	36	.....
Totals	3	27	10	32	.....
United States Fuel Co.	7	74	19	99	.....
MIDVALE PLANT—Departments					
Power House	0	0	0	0	5438
Parting Plant	0	0	0	0	3849
Railroad	0	0	0	0	3686
Arsenic	0	0	0	0	3470
Masons	0	0	0	0	2939
Charge Floor	0	0	0	0	2892
Car Shop	0	0	0	0	1496
Miscsellaneous	0	0	0	0	1100
Blacksmith Shop	0	0	0	0	911
Baghouses	0	0	0	0	839
Boiler Shop	0	0	0	0	665
Pipe Shop	0	0	0	0	614
Machine Shop	0	0	0	0	414
Cadmium	0	0	0	0	414
Electric Shop	0	0	0	0	398
Wedge Furnaces	0	0	0	0	380
Sampling	0	0	0	0	370
Unloading	0	0	0	0	259
Flot. Mill Concentrating	0	0	0	0	207
Carpenter Shop	0	0	0	0	174
Flot. Mill Crushing	0	0	0	0	156
Surface	0	0	1	65	55
D. & L. Roasters	0	0	1	34	46
Lead Plant	0	0	2	64	43
DEPARTMENTS	0	0	4	18	43
FOREMEN	0	0	0	0	98
PLANT	0	0	4	14	43

March Injuries

(*King Mine*)

A Joy operator was struck on the back by "bounce of coal" and sustained fracture of left sixth and seventh ribs.

A worker accidentally struck his left foot with a pick and suffered a puncture wound of left foot.

A machine helper was struck by falling coal and received a severe laceration below left knee.

A workman sustained a bruise of the left knee when he bumped it on a lump of coal.

While shoveling sand out of a car, a workman contacted an electric wire which caused him to fall and strike his chest. His fall resulted in a slight bruise of the left lower ribs.

A workman standing alongside a joy loader was struck and knocked down by lead of machine. His injuries were slight but painful.

A nipper received painful injuries when he was caught between two cars while trying to remove a pin.

(*Lark Mine*)

A timberman was caught between a mucking machine and a drift timber, and sustained lacerations and contusions of right thumb.

A machineman sustained a fractured right little finger when same was caught between scraper bucket (being used to hoist timber) and a post.

(*United States Mine*)

A motor helper suffered an injury to his right elbow when his arm was caught between a box of wedges and an eight by eight inch timber.

(*Midvale Plant*)

NO ACCIDENTS

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A certain gentleman always avoided the smoking car when he commuted—couldn't stand smoking himself, and didnt like other people to smoke. He found a seat in a non-smoking car one day, but to his dismay a man came in and sat facing him and lighted up a cigar. Not wanting to make a scene, the other man waited till the conductor came around to punch his ticket. As he handed it to the conductor, he nudged him and nodded to the brazen smoker. The conductor nodded back, took another punch out of the ticket and went on.

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HIS LAST EYE! From Indiana comes the report of a workman on a construction job who was holding a bar while another employee wielded a sledge hammer. A chip of steel flew from the bar and struck the left lens of the holder's safety gogles, causing many small cracks. One very small piece of the glass fell out. There was no injury whatsoever.

The lens that was cracked was protecting the workmans one remaining eye—the other had been lost in an accident several years ago.

News Notes

LET'S ALL HELP

There's a lot of interesting things happening to all of us that the rest of us would like to know about, so let's all be interested in reporting for "Smeltingco." Just as fast as we have news of interest or pictures about ourselves, our families, or fellow-workers, let's send them in.

Reporting the News—At U. S. Mine: J. M. Ehrhorn and Walt Alplanalp.
At Lark: J. M. Ehrhorn and Hal Wells.
Hiawatha: Sylvia Maragakis.
At Midvale: Henry Wahlquist or any member of the Welfare Committee.

Midvale

Mark Cozzens has returned to Midvale and is back on the job after spending the winter in Southern California with his family. Mark says the climate in California agrees with him and that he is feeling much better.

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Kenneth Tripp, former boiler shop employee and son of Leo Tripp, visited the plant April 5, 1945. Kenneth has been in various branches of the navy since entering and is at present assigned to the Seabees. He says he likes this branch best, inasmuch as it enables him to carry on the type of work that he was doing here.

Kenneth Tripp

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Drew Pearson, assay office, received a new addition to his family during the past month. The Pearsons announced the arrival of a baby girl. Congratulations and best wishes. Wife and child are doing very well.

Inon Whittle, lead plant, is the man of the month, and is having a hard time to suppress his emotions. His wife presented him with not only one, but two, baby girls. It seems, so we have heard, that Inon is having a time to get back to earth after this blessed event.

Carl Harold Nelson, car repairman, received word April 14, 1945, that his son was killed in action on the European front. He was a bombardier and had been in the service four years.

Wardle Steadman, gunner's mate second class, son of Roy Steadman, chief guard, was a recent visitor to the plant. Wardle has seen plenty of action, having been assigned to the Pacific theater of war for one year. He was aboard a destroyer and gunner's captain of a five-inch gun.

Roy and Wardle Steadman

He has seen most of the islands in the Pacific and was in on two raids on Tokyo. The division he was assigned to also supported the invasion of Iwo Jima. Wardle is leaving soon for San Diego, Cal., where he will receive advanced training on gunnery.

U. S. Mine News

The many friends at the U. S. Mine who have been so anxious of the condition of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas and of Bill Trevarthen will be pleased to know that all are convalescing satisfactorily from recent severe operations. Smeltingco offers its best wishes for their continued improvement.

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Bi Thurmond is home after spending two and a half months at the Bingham Hospital. His recovery is pleasing to all his friends. The U. S. Shops have missed Bi and everyone is anxiously awaiting his return. After 20 years at the U. S. Mine on top of 20 years at the U. S. Operations in Eureka, his absence is sorely missed. Here's to better days ahead, Bi!

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Pfc. Joseph Blaine Johnson, Fourth Division, U. S. Marines, Artillery Division, reports harrowing experiences during the battle of Iwo Jima. Wounded during Saipan, Joe was hospitalized in Honolulu. Good treatment returned him to duty in time for the Iwo campaign. Joe reported to his brothers, Amos and Angus, that his outfit spent 40 days on the ocean after leaving Honolulu. He referred them to the newsreel and newspaper accounts of the battle as sufficiently descriptive. Joe and his comrades were particularly distressed with the cold weather on Iwo. After their experiences on the islands to the south, Iwo was bitterly cold. Men wore sweat shirts under field jackets during the days and threw blankets over their shoulders at night. Joe has been overseas for 15 months.

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Don Willie returned after spending 18 days in El Paso, Texas. Don cannot understand how any Utahn could enjoy life in El Paso. He reported the weather mild and warm; in fact, trees started sprouting new life. Activity was about normal. Near-by Fort Bliss, a B-29 bomber base, was a-buzz with activity. Don reported it a thrill to watch the big airships cruising low overhead. Saturday night life was crowded with soldiers, MPs and civilians in profusion on both sides of the border.

Petty Officer Merl L. Elmer, former employee, completed his naval training in San Diego and is now located in Los Angeles, where he is doing bookkeeping and typing. He is captain of his service basketball team and reports it is one of the best in the area. Harold Elmer, son of Roy Elmer, spent six days in Sandy recently. Harold is receiving amphibious training at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Previous to his transfer to Treasure Island he spent four months in basic training at San Diego.

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James Boyd has been writing cards to his many friends at the U. S. Mine. He is located at Fort Bliss, and, as all true Texans, he reports that everything

is best down there.

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Alvlin Cole, Dick Giles, Oscar A. Glaeser, Edwin Clayton and Gene Dickson received their call for jury duty. They are looking forward to performing the sacred rights of citizenship. Dan Delaney has just completed his term of grand jury duty.

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Doyle Timothy, who is in the Army Air Corps at Fort Bliss, Texas, has returned home to spend his furlough.

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Harry W. Parker, compressorman at U. S. Mine, received a letter recently from Frederick W. Parker, his son,, stating that he had been promoted from a private to a private first class. Frederick left Salt Lake City June 10, 1943, enlisting in the Engineering Corp. He was trained at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and left November 10 for the European front, where he has been ever since.

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Shortly after receiving this letter, Harry reports that his son received a citation for exceptional meritorius service in connection with the deactivation of booby traps.

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Joe McCleery, U. S. Mine employee, was hospitalized in the Bingham Canyon Hospital recently and is now reporting he is convalescing satisfactorily.

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David Houser is spending a 14-day furlough with his wife and two children in Midvale. David left the U. S. Mine about 14 months ago. He is an aviation student in cadet training at Peerin Field, Sherman, Texas. He was welcomed at the U. S. Mine by his many former friends, whose main comment was that army life had evidently agreed with him.

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Nick Troumpas has received word that his family is safe in Greece. He is now a proud grandfather.

Hiawatha

Cpl. George Clavel was home last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clavel.

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Seaman 1/C Wilbur A. Haley visited friends in Hiawatha on a short leave.

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Petty Officer 3/C William J. Burt is home from South Pacific on 30-day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burt.

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Radioman 2/C Darwin Wycherly is also home on leave visiting his parents and friends.

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Sgt. Frank Thompson is home on furlough visiting his parents and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cliffe Housekeeper announce the arrival of a baby girl. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Judi, boy. Best wishes.

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James McKim and James Catterall took the mine foreman examination and John Barnett and Joseph Felton took the fireboss examination at Helper, Utah, last month. All were successful.

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First aid and mine rescue classes are now being conducted in Hiawatha by H. J. McCreary, safety division of bureau of mines.

Mr. Kirk reports that the total American Red Cross collections for Hiawatha were $1,476.50.

Lark Mine

Cpl. Bert Pedersen, 20, son of Chris Pederson, wrote from somewhere in England, 10 days ago, that things had been progressing very well. He had just received his corporal stripes and wrote: "What would you think if I sent you a daughter home? Would you keep her safe until this damn war is over?" Bert has been in the army two years. He left a civil service job at Hill Field to join the regular army.

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Dorus Thomas and wife spent the last 10 days of March visiting their daughter in Ajo, Ariz., whose husband is in a near-by army camp. Dorus reported that the weather in those parts is ideal; that the trees were already sprouting and the oleanders were coming into bloom.

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Arthur M. Hurst was operated on in the Bingham Hospital on March 20. At the present time he is convalescing at his home.

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Dallas L. Draper

Pfc. Dallas L. Draper, former employee at Lark, entered the service March 12, 1942. He received his basic training at Shepard Field, Texas, and was then transferred to Mather Field, California, where he remained until March, 1944. He then was transferred to Fort Logan, Colorado, and then to Kearns, Utah. On May 19, 1944, he left for the west coast, where he was shipped immediately to the South Pacific.

On June 18 he landed on New Guinea and was stationed with the 1919 Ord. Amm. Co. (Avn). He was later transferred to Dutch New Guinea and then was on detachment in Netherlands East Indies on Morati Island.

Word was received recently by his wife, the former June Seal, that he is now stationed in Dutch New Guinea again with his old company.

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Stanley Weber, former St. Joe employee, was killed in action in France. Stanley was one of the first men drafted in 1942. After seven months' training, he was released for work in the mines and he returned to the St. Joe. He worked about a year and was again called, reporting to the Transportation Service at Cheyenne, Wyo. Stanley sailed for Europe last December and went into action immediately. After one week's duty Stanley was wounded and died from the effects.

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Second Lt. Doug E. Miller spent his furlough with his parents at Fort Herriman. Doug is a cadet pilot on a B-25 bomber. He has been in the Air Corps since July, 1943. He received basic and advanced training in Texas, Nebraska, California and Colorado. He has been located at La Junta, Colo., for the past ten weeks. Private Lorin S. Miller, who reported for service last September, is now at Camp Roberts, California. He has received

training successively in the infantry, artillery, and finally in the accounting department. Both men are sons of the Spencer Millers.

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Miss Laura Conti of Midvale and R. Austin, medical corps of Camp Kearns, were married March 15th by the army chaplain at Kearns. Prior to the war, Austin practiced medicine at Pacific Beach, Wash.

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Bert Fletcher married Mrs. Elsie Thomas on March 26th at Ely, Nev. The newlyweds are living in Midvale. Best of luck.

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On March 10th, George Parry was notified by telegraph by the War Department that his son, George F., was wounded in action in Germany. George F. was serving with the Ninth Army. On March 28th, his father was advised by the War Department that the injuries were shell wound, fractured leg. His son was hospitalized first in France and at present in England. Conditions were reported as normal. Meanwhile, George F. has written several letters to his parents, reporting that he is doing well and asking them not to worry over his condition. A second son, Lowell, was recently on furlough in Lark. His ship, the U. S. S. Wadley, had docked at Mare Island, and the men were granted furloughs.

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Max Seal, former employee, came home to Lark to spend his furlough and ended by marrying Miss Joyce Beckstead of Midvale. Max is the son of Horace Seal, Lark pumpman and hoistman. Joyce is the daughter of Marty Beckstead, former baseball great and at present weighmaster at Midvale. Max is now stationed at Norfolk, Va. Smeltingco offers its best wishes for success and happiness.

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Pfc. Leo J. Brogan, Company "D," 423rd Infantry, 106th Division, was reported missing in action in Germany last December. A short time ago the American Red Cross reported to his parents in Lowell, Mass., that he was safe in a prison camp in Germany. A younger brother, Pfc. Dan Brogan, Company "A," 295th Combat Engineers, wrote his brother Jim on January 29th.

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George Marcum was granted an emergency furlough to visit his mother, Mrs. Conrad Leibheit, who is recovering from a severe operation at the Bingham Hospital. George served five years in the Hawaiian Division. At present, he is located at Fort Meade, Maryland. He is training and preparing men for overseas action. George has four battle stars, Pearl Harbor, Buna, Papuna and the Dutch East Indies. He has been back in the states for one year.

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Frank Sweat is convalescing in the Bingham Hospital from a recent operation.

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T/4 William Graves, former employee, writes from Fort Bliss, Texas, reporting that he is back on the same job in the army that he had before his release to the mines in 1942. He sent his greetings to his former fellow workers at Lark.

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The Lark Community has benefited by the addition of 110

Chinese elms donated by the Utah Copper Company. The trees are two and three years old. Led by Park Project Engineer Hall, the Lark Lions planted 24 of these trees at the Park Project they are sponsoring. The park project is located along the north side of the highway just below town. Plans call for a softball diamond, playground and picnic ground.

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Mrs. Annie Marie Jensen Nell, 73, Riverton, died at her home on Thursday, March 29th, following a lingering illness. She was the widow of Rufus Nell, who died last year. She was the mother of Dell Nell of Lark. Smeltingco expresses its sympathies.

Former Lark Mine Supt. Dies in Salt Lake

Joseph A. Hyland, superintendent of the Lark mine for 23 years, died at his residence, 462 11th East st., in Salt Lake City, March 23, at 4:50 a. m.

Born in North England, he received his early mining experience in the iron mine of Cumberland and Lancashire, England. In 1891 he came to Ironwood, Mich., and with his father and brothers he introduced the block caving system. In 1892 he went to Butte, Mont., and served as superintendent of the Commercial Mine from 1906 to 1911.

In 1911 he became the superintendent of the Lark Mine and served in this capacity until 1934, when he retired after 23 years of mining at Lark and 55 years of underground mining.

Salt Lake Office

Mr. G. H. Clevenger, consulting metallurgist, Boston office, visited the Salt Lake office during the middle of March.

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Mr. C. B. E. Douglas, consulting mining engineer, Boston office, spent considerable time in Salt Lake City during the latter part of March and the first part of April.

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As we go to press we are honored by another visitor from Boston—none other than N. W. Rice, president, U. S. Smelting Refining and Mining Company, who arrived April 16, 1945.

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Recently Mr. A. M. Hartford, manager, Nome department, paid us a visit. Mr. Hartford was en route from Boston back to Nome.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius DeGooyer were most agreeably surprised the other day when their son, Lt. Melvin DeGooyer, arrived in Salt Lake City unexpectedly on his way from Stock-

ton, Cal., to the bomber training base at La Junta, Colo., as instructor. Mr. and Mrs. DeGooyer have four other sons in the service.

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Mrs. Mary Krusnick, with her husband, who is stationed at Kearns, are spending his furlough with their parents at Albuquerque, N. M.

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Lt. (j. g.) Virginia S. Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meyer, has recently been transferred from the Clearfield Naval Depot to the 12th Naval District, San Francisco, Cal. Their son, Chief Petty Officer Howard Meyer, is now out of the hospital.

Welcome Back!

Mrs. Mary Fiske

We are glad to welcome back a former employee of the company, Mrs. Mary Fiske. Those of us who knew her as Mary Rockhill will remember her as being in the Engineering Department. She and her husband have been living in Denver since she left Salt Lake City in 1930.

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James C. Busby of Salt Lake Accounting Department informs us his son, Don J. Busby, is now on his way overseas. Don joined the service December 27, 1943. He was stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas, for his basic training, where he served in the Medical Corps.

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Back home after a short vacation to Baltimore, Md., is Carol Kirby. Carol went east to see her boy friend, who is slated for overseas duty soon. Rumor had it that Carol would get married while back there. That rumor is now definitely confirmed, as the new name is Mrs. Charlie H. Spicer. Congratulations, Carol.

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Harold Nation

The news of the death of Harold Nation, former Salt Lake accounting Department employee, came as a severe shock to his many friends in the Salt Lake Office where "Had" worked from December, 1925, to September, 1942, when he left to work elsewhere.

His spontatneous personality, his courtesy and friendliness will long be remembered by his host of friends and fellow-workers. Smeltingco extends sincere sympathies to the bereaved family.

Major Bruce E. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hunt, is on his way overseas again, after having spent six months as instructor at the bomber base at Fort Sumner, Colo. He returned from two years' duty in the Italian theater last August.

Seaman 1/C Leo L. Dean writes that he is on his way to the South Pacific and that he would be glad to hear from any of his old gang. His address is N. O. B. Navy No. 3149, Component N-7-A No. 3, care Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.

Off the Record . . .

Doctor: I'm sorry madam, but I cannot cure your husband of talking in his sleep.

Madam: Well, then, couldn't you give him something to make him talk more distinctly?

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A new negro worked moved timbers and ties all day until he was completely worn out. At the end of the day he approached his boss.

"Boss, you sure you got mah name right?" The foreman looked over his list. "Yes," he said, "here you are, Simpson—Roy Simpson—that's right, isn't it?" "Yassuh, boss," said the negro, "das right, ah thought mebbe you had me down Sampson."

— SAFETY FIRST —

"Last week there was a bottle of poison—I don't think the boss is very popular!"

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Or maybe you've already enlisted. You're part of its ranks if—

You're one of the 81 million war bond holders,
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"COME OUT, come out, wherever you are!" beckon the warmth and sunshine of spring days. And whenever possible, we respond—pack a lunch, go native and escape to the great out-of-doors. Yes, it's picnic time! Since there little jaunts are usually spur-of-the-moment affairs sandwiched into busy days, we have to be ready to go at a minute's notice. And it can be done! One jar of peanut butter can yield a variety of sandwich combinations. A peanut butter-mayonnaise mixture topped with sliced tomato, cucumber or orange makes just so many delightfully tasty treats. Chili sauce, India relish or honey, when mixed with peanut butter, make delicious spreads. And the same jar of peanut butter can be used as shortening in crispy good cookies, the perfect dessert for picnics or anytime.

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Bet you never realized how much an oil company contributes to our everyday living. Seems that Shell scientists have developed innumerable uses for the black gold that flows through the veins of the earth better ingredients for lipsticks and cosmetics, better ways to extract penicillin to cure the ill, lubricants for contact lenses for those who want to discard the traditional eyeglass frames, insecticides to protect our crops, and plastics galore for the post war world. And we thought they just supplied fuel for cars, planes and tanks!

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NAIL NEWS Did you know that—The Chinese aristocracy grew very long nails to show their rank. . . . Present-day standards call for nail-tips about an eighth of an inch beyond the fingertip. . . . Nails grow faster in summer than in the winter. . . . The nail on the little finger grows faster than any of the others. . . . The thumbnail is strongest of all. . . . In six months' time nails grow about three-quarters of an inch. . . . Nails are not alive after they leave the base. . . . Brittle nails are on the the greatest causes of nail breakage. . . . You can combat brittle nails by correcting your diet to include more calcium, and by massaging base and sides of nail with brittle nail cream.

We Salute This Month . . .

NEIL L. OLSON
43 Years of Faithful Service

Neil L. Olson, Powerhouse Engineer of our Midvale Plant, has not missed a day's work since America entered the war in 1941. In fact, he has missed only one or two days since he started to work for the Company on January 1, 1902. He is proud of that record. He wants his fellow workers to know about it. It was not his intention to miss a single day, but on that one day many years ago, he said, "I was just too sick to make it."

Neil was born July 26, 1878, in Malmo, Sweden. His parents came to Salt Lake City when Neil was five years old. In 1885 his father went to work at the Old Jordan Mine in Bingham Canyon as a Carpenter. The family lived in Midvale. Neil went to public schools in Midvale, attended L. D. S. High School in Salt Lake City, and studied engineering at the University of Utah.

Neil's first job with the Company was Machinist's Helper. In 1903 he was transferred to the Powerhouse and was appointed engineer in 1904.

He married Eby Larson in 1906 and they have two daughters and two granddaughters. A son-in-law is serving with the Ninth Army in Germany. Recently he wrote to his family, saying

"Things are going good here, but there still is a lot of fighting to do. I haven't been more than ten miles from the front since 'D Day'."

When Neil was asked about his fine absentee record, how it felt to be the oldest man in point of service at the Plant, he said, "I like to be on the job. I'm proud of my record. The Company has been very good to me. When I have been sick, nothing has been spared to give me the best in medical care, and this is a splendid place to work."

His department has the best safety record in the entire plant. About that, he said, "Oh, we are a careful bunch up here."

We all join in congratulating Neil on his fine work record with the Company. We too are proud of his long dependable service and proud, too, of the long and continuous employment opportunity the Company has been able to give him.

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